

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/024,234

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 30 January 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-11, 13-21, 23-29 (renumbered 1-16 respectively).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____



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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-21, and 23-29 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicants have claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention, which are not found in the prior art, either singularly or in combination. Each independent claim identifies the following uniquely distinct features;

1. Regarding claim 1 – A method for transmitting an indication of a communications protocol supported by a first communications node, the method comprising the steps of: i) transmitting from a second communications node to the first communications node a request for a protocol supported by the first communications node, ii) issuing a parameter indicative of the protocol supported by the first communications node by abridging a Third Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) Technical Specification (TS) document number defining at least a protocol supported by the first communications node, and iii) responsive to the request, transmitting a reply message comprising a the parameter indicative of the 3GPP TS document number defining the at least one protocol supported by the first communications node.

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2. Regarding claim 11 – A management system comprising: a second node, a first node receiving from the second communications node a request for a protocol supported by the first communications node, wherein the first communications node issues a parameter indicative of one or more protocols it supports by abridging at least one Third Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) Technical Specification (TS) document number defining at least a protocol supported by the first communications node and, responsive to the request, the first node transmits to the second node a reply message comprising a the parameter indicative of the 3GPP TS document number defining the at least one protocol supported by the first communications node.

3. Regarding claim 21 – An agent receiving from a manager a request for a protocol supported by the Agent, the agent issuing a parameter indicative of one or more protocols it supports by abridging at least one Third Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) Technical Specification (TS) document number defining at least a protocol supported by the first communications node and, responsive to the request, transmits to the second communications node a reply message comprising the parameter indicative of the 3GPP TS document number defining the at least a one protocol supported by the agent.

The closest prior art, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-21, and 23-29 being allowable, **Prosecution On The Merits Is Closed** in this application.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

1. Beaven (US 5,627,766) discloses a performance and status monitoring in a computer network.
2. Karr et al. (US 6,952,181 B2) discloses locating a mobile station using a plurality of wireless networks and applications therefor.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Pezzlo whose telephone number is (571) 272-3090. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin, can be reached on (571) 272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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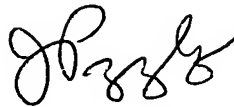
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